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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-41 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-41 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

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Claims 1-41 are presented for examination.

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-4, 7-18, and 21-41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b) as being anticipated by Gorsek (U.S. Patent 6,103,756). Gorsek teaches the use of a carotenoid in combination with a polyphenol, a glutathione precursor, a vitamin antioxidant and a lipoic acid in a pharmaceutical composition for the treatment of ophthalmic conditions such as macular degeneration. See the abstract, table 1 and claims 1-3.

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 5, 6, 19 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gorsek (6,103,756) in view of Kammari et al. (4,879,312).

Gorsek teaches the use of a carotenoid in combination with a polyphenol, a glutathione precursor, a vitamin anti-oxidant and a lipoic acid in a pharmaceutical formulation for the treatment of an ophthalmic disorder such as macular degeneration. See the abstract, table 1 and claims 1-3. The above reference differs from the claimed invention in the presence of an omega-3 fatty acid. Kammari et al. Teach the claimed omega-3 fatty acids such as eicosapentaenoic acid and decosahexaenoic acid have

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been previously used in a pharmaceutical formulation for the treatment of ophthalmic angiogenic conditions. See the abstract, Figures 6 and 7. It would have been obvious to a person skilled in the art to incorporate EPA and DHA into the primary reference, considering that Kammari et al. teach the addition of such agents to the ophthalmic formulation for the treatment of ophthalmic angiogenic conditions is old and well known.

One skilled in the art would have been motivated to combine the teachings of the above references, since one relates to the use of a carotenoid, a polyphenol, a lipoic acid, a vitamin and a glutathione precursor for the treatment of ophthalmic conditions such as macular degeneration which is an angiogenic related disorder and the other relates to the use of EPA and DHA for the treatment of ophthalmic angiogenic conditions. The above references in combination make clear that the claimed components have been previously used in ophthalmic formulation for the treatment of the claim-designated conditions. Applicant has presented no evidence to establish the unexpected or unobvious nature of the claimed invention, and as such, claims 5, 6, 19 and 20 are properly rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Zohreh Fay whose telephone number is (571) 272-0573. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christopher Low can be reached on (571) 272-0951. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Zachary F. Fong" or similar, written in a cursive style.